

--The words "print medium" or "print sheet" include not only paper used in common printing apparatuses, but cloth, plastic films, metal plates, glass, ceramics, wood, leather or any other material that can receive ink. This term will be also referred to as "paper".--

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A print medium to be applied to a printing apparatus has print areas on which to print desired images and a separable discard area provided at at least one of the front and rear end portions thereof. The width of the discard area provided at the front end portion of the print medium is set wider than a distance from the front end of a print medium accommodating portion to a feeding mechanism and a distance from a discharge mechanism to the most downstream position printed by the printing head. The width of the discard area provided at the rear end portion of the print medium is set wider than a distance from the most upstream position printed by the printing head to a transport mechanism.--